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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the enclosed application entitled "Television
Program Guide".

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before the first paragraph on page 1, please insert

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority to GB Application No. 0001424.1 filed 22 January
2000.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, lines 2, 11, 14, 16, and 26 change "programme" to --program--;

lines 13, 22, and 24 change "programmes" to --programs--;

Page 2, lines 15, 17, 18 23, 25 and 27 change "programme" to --program--;

line 21, change "programmes" to --programs--;

Page 3, line 2, change "programme" to --program--;

line 5, change "programmes" to --programs--;

before line 6 insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--;

lines 8,10,14,15, 16, 17, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 29, change "programme" to --program--;

lines 11 and 28 change "programme" to --programs--.

Page 4, lines 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 19 two occurrences, 22, and 26 two occurrences, change "programme" to --program--;

Page 5, lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19 change "programme" to --program--;

lines 8 and 21, change "programmes" to --programs--

Page 6, before line 3, add the following header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

before line 5, insert the following header:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--

lines 7, 13, 15, 18, 20 and 23 change "programme" to --program--;

line 16 change "programmes" to --programs--.

Page 7, lines 1, 5, 11, 14, 20, 23 two occurrences; 26 and 28 change "programme" to --program--;

line 27, change "programmes" to --programs--.

after line 31 add the following:

--While the invention has been described with a certain degree of particularity, it is manifest that many changes may be made in the details of construction and the arrangement of components without departing from the spirit and scope of this disclosure. It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments set forth herein for purposes of exemplification, but is to be limited only by the scope of the attached claim or claims, including the full range of equivalency to which each element thereof is entitled.--

In the claims

1. (Amended) A television programme guide display providing information relating to [programmes] programs which can be selected to be viewed, said display [including] comprising: a grid [(2)] having a time bar [(4)] to indicate the particular time period to which the display relates, a series of cells [(10)], each cell representing a [programme] program, and one or a number of the cells representing a [programme] program channel, at least one of said cells [(10)] selectable to select a [programme] program for viewing and [characterised in that] wherein if a [programme] program indicated by a cell does not start or finish within the time period represented by the time bar [(4)] on the display, a display portion is generated on the display with respect to the said cell for the [programme] program at an appropriate location and said display portion shows the time which has elapsed since the said [programme] program started and/or which will lapse beyond the time period shown before the [programme] program ends.

2. (Amended) A television [programme] program guide display according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein for any particular time period a plurality of cells [(10)] corresponding to a plurality of [programmes] programs show the time which has elapsed since each [programme] program started and/or which will lapse beyond the time period shown before the [programme] program ends.

3. (Amended) A television [programme] program guide display according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the time displayed is calculated from the start or end times for the time period shown.

4. (Amended) A television [programme] program guide display according to claim 1 [characterised in that] wherein the time displayed is calculated with respect to the time at which the display is being viewed by the user.

5. (Amended) A method of generating a television [programme] program guide, said television [programme] guide including at least one display page comprising a grid [(2)] including the following steps:

generating said grid [(2)] by providing a time bar [(4)], a series of cells [(10)], each cell indicating a [programme] program to be shown on a particular channel over the time period displayed, and the size of each cell,

indicating the start, finish and length of each [programme] program with respect to the time bar [(4)]; and

calculating between the start or finish times of the time bar which is displayed

and the start or finish times of the particular program as appropriate and the difference is displayed with respect to the said program cell on the display [characterised in that] if a cell for a particular [programme] program indicates that the said [programme] program has already started prior to the time period displayed on the display page or finishes after the time period displayed on the display page, a calculation is undertaken between the start or finish times of the time bar which is displayed and the start or finish times of the particular program as appropriate and the difference is displayed with respect to the said program cell on the display].

6. (Amended) A method of generating a television guide display according to claim 5 [characterised in that] providing a the display is provided as an additional portion of the cell so that those cells which indicate [programmes] programs which have started or will finish outside the time period which is displayed on the display page, will protrude from the appropriate side edge of the grid [(2)] and, in said additional portion, will be displayed the time which has elapsed or will lapse from the start or before the finish of the [programme] program as appropriate.

7. (Amended) A method according to claim 5 [characterised in that] including the step of transmitting the calculation, and data relating to the calculation, [is transmitted] from a broadcaster at a remote location to a broadcast data receiver so that, during the processing of the data, the broadcast data receiver can generate the display page to include said time indications.

REMARKS

The application should now be in condition for examination, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted

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